



# Durham

## Environmental Affairs Board

### Meeting Notes

February 24, 2004 ■ 6:00 p.m.

Committee Room

Second Floor, City Hall

### Meeting Notes

**Members Present:** Will Anderson, Sharon Beard, Kathi Beratan, Ahrash Bissell, Ray Eurquhart, Mathew Greenwolfe, Judy Kincaid, Darryl Roberts, and Dock Terrell

**Members Absent:**

**Guests Present:** Bill Harnett

**Staff Present:** Doug Vaughn, William Sun, Alex Waddell, and Glen Whisler

### Meeting Notes

Darryl Roberts made a motion to approve the notes for January make-up meeting. The motion was seconded by Sharon Beard and approved with all ayes.

### Durham Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for EAB

Judy emailed members some suggested wording changes for the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and these potential revisions were discussed. The implementation of policies in the Comprehensive Plan includes the assistance of the Environmental Affairs Board. Some of the members feel that some of the policies may be beyond their expertise as a volunteer Board. Number 5 under Duties in Section II was debated as to their capability. Questions were also raised as to how much assistance will the City and County provide including the Planning Department. Darryl is concerned with the liabilities represented in the agreement. Ray is concerned that the Soil and Water Conservation Board does not have a qualified person for the appointment. It was suggested that they send a letter to Keith Luck requesting their removal from the Board. Sharon asked that human health in the environment be added in Section II at the end of the duties section.

Will made a motion to accept Judy's revisions and include an (x) for public health in the environment. The motion was seconded by Sharon Beard and approved with 8 ayes and 1 nay.

Sharon then asked if the changes will be reflected in the Rule and Procedures for EAB. The Planning Department will pass on the requested changes to the elected bodies for their review and adoption.

### Environmental Indicators

Kathi said she had not made contact with the various departments requesting updated information for the environmental indicators. She also stated that Keith Luck from the Planning Department said the first order of business for new staff support to EAB will be the indicators update.

### **Environmental Summit**

Kathi shared with the Board members her vision of the environmental summit. Her idea is to get the various environmental groups along with local government agencies together at the table to start a dialog concerning environmental issues in Durham. Practical Strategies for Improving Durham's Environment is the suggested theme for the summit. The Nicholas School of the Environment has offered to host the event.

Darryl made a motion to support the Summit as explained by Kathi and Matthew seconded the motion. More discussion followed.

Some members feel the summit as proposed now is more of a Duke event than an EAB sponsored one. What is EAB's role, what will be the outcome, and how will it be implemented, continued to be elements for discussion.

Darryl made an amendment to his motion to agree to have the summit this year and engage in exploratory discussion with organizations concerning subject matter then report back findings. Darryl's motion including the amendment failed with 4 ayes and 5 nays.

Judy suggested an outline as starting point for further talk at the next meeting.

Sharon made a motion seconded by Will to continue the discussion at the next meeting with Kathi providing a detailed report on all aspects of the summit from its organization and issues to the implementation of the ideas generated. Sharon's motion was approved with 7 ayes and 2 nays.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alex Waddell, Planner  
February 25, 2004